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SUBJECT: AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY: SIX CYLINDER
ENGINE PLANTS AWARDED TO RENAULT AND GM

REF: CARACAS 643 AND A-27

1. MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT DR LUIS ALVAREEZ DOMINGUEZ ANNOUNCED ON JUNE 29 THAT THE GOV HAS SELECTED GENERAL MOTORS AND RENAULT TO BUILD SIX-CYLINDER ENGINES IN VENEZUELA. THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ANDEAN PACT AND DECISION 120 WHICH AWARDED VENEZUELA THE RIGHT TO ESTABLISH TWO FACTORIES MANUFACTURING SIX OR EIGHT CYLINER ENGINES AS WELL AS A FOUR CYLINDER ENGINE ALREADY AWARDED TO FIAT. THT GOV MADE AN INTERNAL DECISION THAT BOTH NEW FACTORIES WOULD MANUFACTURE SIX-CYLINDER ENGINES.

2. THE GENERAL MOTORS ENGINE WILL BE A CAST IRON BLOCK WITH SOME ALUMINUM COMPONENTS. THIS ENGINE CAN BE USED IN HEAVIER CARS, JEEPS, VANS AND LIGHT-WEIGHT PICK-UP TRUCKS. THE RENAULT ENGINE WILL BE OF ALUMINUM AND CAN BE USED IN
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LIGHT VEHICLES WEIGHING UP TO 1,500 KILOS. THE RENAULT ENGINE HS BEEN USED FOR ABOUT ONE YEAR IN EUROPE ACCORDING TO THE MINISTER.

3. EMBASSY WILL BE IN CONACT WITH FORD AND CHRYSLER TO LEARN OF POTENTIAL IMPACT ON THEIR OPERATIONS HERE.A STORY IN THE DAILY JOURNAL OVER THE WEEK-

END INDICATED FORD WOULD BE HOLDING FURTHER DISCUSSIONS
WITH THE GOV.
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